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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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TITLE:                METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A BURIED STRAP CONTACT IN  
                              A MEMORY CELL

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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**REMARKS**

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**


The relevance of references AL-AO was discussed in the Specification. Reference AA is a U.S. patent corresponding with reference AL. Reference AB is a U.S. patent corresponding with reference AO. Reference AC is a U.S. patent

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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